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STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF LEGENDARY OWNER/BREEDER B. WAYNE HUGHES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021) – The following is a statement from Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson on the passing of owner and breeder B. Wayne Hughes of Spendthrift Farm. He was 87.

“The entire Churchill Downs family was saddened to learn about the passing of legendary owner and breeder B. Wayne Hughes. Mr. Hughes was a visionary, who elevated Spendthrift Farm to new heights. We take solace in knowing that he was able to enjoy and win America’s greatest race last September when Authentic led every step of the way to garner the roses and solid gold Kentucky Derby trophy he coveted for many years. Our sincere condolences are extended to his numerous friends and family and the Spendthrift Farm team during this difficult time. He will be greatly missed.”

—Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

Churchill Downs Racetrack (“CDRT”), the world’s most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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